



Haslemere Twinning



Bernay 1985



Haslemere



Horb 1991

NEWSLETTER March 2020

Dear Friend,

Who would have dreamt that, when writing the last newsletter, a pandemic would have overtaken us all to this extent within a matter of a couple of months? What extraordinary times we live in!

New Year 'Drinks and Nibbles'

Sunday 12th Jan 2020, Town Hall

Well, this at least went well, very well in fact. The virus was still just some local thing in a relatively unknown city in distant China, far too far away to affect us in cosy Haslemere! Little did I think that within a couple of weeks I would receive a picture from one of our members announcing that 'Haslemere is now twinned with Wuhan' !!

AGM

Tuesday 10th March, St Bart's Church Hall

This was an AGM like no other. Yes, we discussed all the items on the agenda, but the main business of the evening centred on the visit to Bernay (April) and the visit from Horb (May). The burning question was 'Should these visits go on?' It was decided not to go to Bernay in April, and to pass the decision to come (or not) from Horb to our friends there. As I write, Germany has just announced severe restrictions on movements across their borders, and in the last twenty four hours (17th March 2020) we have heard from Christine Dietz that 'The Mayor of Horb has decided that the twinning visit to Haslemere should be cancelled.' So there we have it, both visits are off unless something happens with Bernay at the end of the summer school holidays. See below ...

THE SUMMER SOCIAL BBQ

Saturday 11th July, 12.00 at 'Bunchfield', Penwith Drive, GU27 3PP

One of the unquestioned highlights of the year is our social chez Sylvia and Christopher. If there is a question mark on earlier events, we all hope that this one goes ahead.

THE FRENCH VISIT to BERNAY: a change of dates

When we told our friends in Bernay of our decision not to go in April, they immediately proposed an alternative of either **late August** or **2nd – 6th September**. This is a long way off and it is very difficult to make any sensible comments as to the viability of this offer. We must be patient and see how things evolve in the next few months.

QUIZ NIGHT:

Friday 13th November, the Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, GU27 1BS

This is the 'fun evening out' of the year! We will be making every effort to ensure that this goes ahead.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The cost of being part of the Association is just £9 per adult (over 18) payable on January 1st each year. Our thanks to all those (the overwhelming majority) who have set up this regular payment. Our sort code is **30-93-94** and the account number is **00433354**. In the reference box put **SUB** followed by **SURNAME**.

If you have any questions about any aspect of this update in our activities, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Our very best wishes to you all in these very difficult times,

from

Michael, Ann, Beryl, Brigitte, Dorothea, Rosemary, Sheila and Simon